

SYRIA LEBANON PARTNERSHIP NETWORK ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

September 28, 2023

Virtual and In Person in Washington, DC

Ann Brunger opened us with prayer.

Election

The following officers were unanimously elected for 2 year terms:

Moderator: Ann Brunger

Vice Moderator: Bob Garrard

Treasurer: Ed Sutter

The standing committees will retain their same leadership.

Advocacy – Cecilia Blewer

Communications – Susan Schroeder

Education – Billie Sutter

Partnerships – Tim McCalmont

Treasurer's Report (Ed Sutter)

The next year's budget was approved as follows (Oct. 1, 2023-Sept. 30, 2024)

Network Expenses = \$10,200 in Pledges

\$5,000 Presbyterian Mission Agency in honor of Mission Co-Worker Elmarie Parker

\$1,200 SLPN Operating Costs

\$4,000 Scholarships for 2024 Trips

Mission Support = \$15,000 from contributions already received to be augmented by future contributions

\$5,000 National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon (NESSL)

\$5,000 Compassion Protestant Society (CPS)

\$5,000 Aleppo Medical Clinic

During the last year, we collected an extraordinary amount of \$91,499, of which \$47K was designated for the special earthquake appeal.

We are grateful to Highlands United PC which continues to operate as our banker, avoiding the 17% overhead charge that PC(USA) imposes.

Appreciation expressed to: (Ann)

--Chuck Killion and Highlands Presbyterian Church in Cheyenne, WY (banking)

--Luciano Kovacs

--Elmarie Parker

--Emma Johnston, Mission Specialist for EU/ME (Christina's replacement)

--SLPN Steering Committee (which meets on Zoom on the 1st Monday of each month

12:30EDT) There will be no October meeting.

Meeting was closed with Prayer

Minutes submitted by Mary Vane, Secretary